

wherein the selected terminal transmits a request to the other interconnected terminals to obtain the information on the other terminals, receives the information from the other terminals, and forwards to the controller the information from the other terminals and information on the selected terminal.

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Sub E1 } 8. (Thrice Amended) A network system comprising:

a plurality of terminals interconnected via a network; and

a control computer controlling the terminals via the network;

wherein at least one of the terminals selected by the control computer based on a user's designation transmits a request to the other terminals to obtain the information on the other terminals, receives the information from the other terminals, and forwards to the controller the information from the other terminals and information on the selected terminal.

C3 15. (Thrice Amended) A process for controlling by a controller connected to a network a plurality of terminals connected to the network, the process comprising the steps of:

selecting one of the terminals through the controller based on a user's designation;

causing the selected terminal to transmit a request to the other terminals to obtain information on the other terminals, and receive the information from the other terminals; and

causing the selected terminal to transmit the obtained information on the other terminals and information on the selected terminal to the controller.

C4 17. (Thrice Amended) A recording medium that stores a program for execution by a controller in a network system including a plurality of terminals interconnected via a network and controlled by the controller via the network,

at least two of the terminals being each adapted to obtain information on the other terminals therefrom, and transmit the obtained information on the other terminals and information on the each terminal to the controller,

the program including the steps of:

selecting one of the at least two terminals through the controller based on a user's designation; and

requesting the selected terminal to transmit a request to the other terminals to obtain the information on the other terminals, receive the information on the other terminals from the other terminals and forward to the controller the information on the other terminals and information on the selected terminal.

Please add new claims 22-33 as follows:

C5 ✓ --22. A network system according to claim 1 wherein the selected terminal judges whether or not each of the other terminals is made from a same maker as the selected terminal.--

✓ --23. A network system according to claim 22 wherein if the one of the other terminals is made from the same maker as the selected terminal, the selected terminal obtains information on the one of the other terminals.--

--24. A network system according to claim 22 wherein a list of the information collected on the selected terminal is displayed on a display of the controller, and, when a terminal on the network is specified on the display, information on the specified terminal is displayed on the display.--

✓ --25. A network system according to claim 8 wherein the selected terminal judges whether or not each of the other terminals is made from a same maker as the selected terminal.--

✓ --26. A network system according to claim 25 wherein if the one of the other terminals is made from the same maker as the selected terminal, the selected terminal obtains information on the one of the other terminals.--

--27. A network system according to claim 25 wherein a list of the information collected on the selected terminal is displayed on a display of the controller, and, when a terminal on the network is specified on the display, information on the specified terminal is displayed on the display.--

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ET ✓ --28. A network system according to claim 15 wherein the selected terminal judges whether or not each of the other terminals is made from a same maker as the selected terminal.--

✓ --29. A network system according to claim 28 wherein if the one of the other terminals is made from the same maker as the selected terminal, the selected terminal obtains information on the one of the other terminals.--

--30. A network system according to claim 28 wherein a list of the information collected on the selected terminal is displayed on a display of the controller, and, when a terminal on the network is specified on the display, information on the specified terminal is displayed on the display.--

✓ --31. A network system according to claim 17 wherein the selected terminal judges whether or not each of the other terminals is made from a same maker as the selected terminal.--

✓ --32. A network system according to claim 31 wherein if the one of the other terminals is made from the same maker as the selected terminal, the selected terminal obtains information on the one of the other terminals.--

--33. A network system according to claim 31 wherein a list of the information collected on the selected terminal is displayed on a display of the controller, and, when a